

# Honor guard recognizing best

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Capt. Juan F. Garcia, the man leading the Air Force's top honor guard is guest speaker at the Kirtland AFB Honor Guard awards banquet, Nov. 22, in the Mountain View Club.

The semi-formal banquet hosted by the 377th Air Base Wing is slated to recognize the volunteerism and effort of the many members of the Kirtland AFB honor guard that performs funeral honors for veterans throughout the state.

The recognition program begun through the effort of Chief Master Sgt. Audrey Thompson, former 377th Air Base Wing command chief master sergeant, was originally planned as an annual event; however, because the event did not happen in 2002, members not honored last year are included in the ceremony.

Recognitions are based on leadership, highlight-

ing achievement and the many hours volunteerism given by the members. Awards are given for those serving two or more years, for those who are frequent performers, for the day-to-day performances of members and their trainers and those who overall have supported the details and activities of the honor guard.

Master Sgt. David McKay, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Kirtland AFB Honor Guard, noted that awards are also based on peer input, along with his own observations and members' activity levels.

"It's very much a team game out there," McKay explained.

Top awards are given to the best performer who epitomizes the military image, the rookie of the year and for the airman, NCO and officer of the year. A separate category also recognizes the effort of members from the 150th Fighter Wing, N.M. Air National Guard.

# Red Cross:

*A long tradition of helping military members, families*

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The American Red Cross has a long history of providing service to members of America's military and their families in times of war.

Recently, that service has been provided during conflicts, peacekeeping, peacemaking and humanitarian operations.

Beginning in the mid-1800s, the organization's founder, Clara Barton, risked her life on the battlefields of the Civil War to tend to fallen soldiers. The services she gave were "pilot activities" foreshadowing the great volunteer services that would later be provided by the American Red Cross. Barton nursed the wounded, wrote letters from the soldiers to their families and kept the morale of the troops high. In 1881, Barton founded the American Red Cross.

Today, the Red Cross is keeping pace with the changing military. Using the latest in computer and telecommunications technology, the Red Cross allows military members stationed all over the world to send messages to loved ones back home during an emergency or other important events. These communications are delivered around the clock, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

While serving 1.4 million active duty personnel, the Red Cross also reaches out to the 1.5 million members of the National Guard and the Reserves who reside in nearly every local community in America. Red Cross personnel serve in nearly 1,000 chapters in the United States, on 109 military installations around the world and alongside our troops in Iraq, Kuwait, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

Members of TEAM KIRTLAND don't have to be actively deployed to benefit from American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services. The Red Cross volunteers and personnel want military members and their families to get to know them before they need them.

All too often, Airmen don't know about available Red Cross services until they are mobilized. Knowing in advance that communication links and access to financial assistance and counseling will be available in an emergency brings peace of mind to the military and their families from which they are separated. Similarly, knowing that Red Cross services are available to inactive members and their families provides them a safety net in times of need.

Deborah Gullo, Mid-Rio Grande Chapter director, says the local Red Cross is pleased to be of service to New Mexico's military members and their loved ones.

"In the last year, our chapter provided 1,127 individual services to military families in the Central New Mexico area. Over 100 of those families were Air Force."

Through the Red Cross office on Kirtland AFB, the volunteer staff provides briefings, attends newcomer fairs and sends care packages to deployed Airmen. Red Cross volunteers also provide comfort to family support groups.

For help during inactive duty, members of the military and their families should contact their local Red Cross chapter. When on active duty and serving on a military installation, servicemembers can get Red Cross assistance by calling their base operator.



Capt. Juan F. Garcia

## Guest speaker has N.M. ties

Capt. Juan F. Garcia is the operations officer for the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard, Bolling AFB, D.C.

He is responsible for operational aspects of the selectively manned 250-member squadron that performs ceremonies for the president, foreign heads of state and the senior leadership of DOD and the Air Force.

Among his awards are the Holloman AFB Honor Guard Leader of the Year in 2000 and the Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award in the junior officer category for 2001 for his service in at the 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB, N.M.

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# MOVIES

## Tonight

7 p.m., The Rundown

The Rock, Seann William Scott

Beck, a bounty hunter, travels to a South American jungle to settle a debt but soon realizes the bad guy isn't really the bad guy. The two join forces to search for hidden riches in Helldorado while avoiding the town's evil kingpin.

Rated PG-13, adventure violence and crude dialogue, 87 minutes.

9:30 p.m., Underworld

Kate Bechinsale, Scott Speedman

Selene, a chic vampire, exists solely to slaughter a band of Lycans werewolves her clan has been battling for centuries. But things become complicated when she falls in love with an emerging "wolf."

Rated R, violence, gore, language, 121 min..

## Tomorrow

7 p.m., School of Rock

Jack Black, Mike White

Dewey just got fired from his own rock band. To make matters worse, he's being hounded by his roommate's wife to cough up months of unpaid rent. Dewey tries substitute teaching to make a few extra bucks and ends up molding a class of private-school students into a rockin' band.

Rated PG-13, adult situations and language, 104 minutes.



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Joan Cusack and Jack Black argue over Black's unconventional teaching methods in "School of Rock."

## Nov. 16

7 p.m., Out of Time

Denzel Washington, Eva Mendes

Matt Lee Whitlock is chief of police in small Banyan Key, Fla. He's respected by his peers and loved in his community. But when Banyan Key is shocked by a double homicide, everything Matt Lee thought he knew starts to unravel, and he finds himself in a race against time to solve the murders before he falls under suspicion. He must stay a few steps ahead of his own police force and everyone he's trusted in order to find out the truth.

Rated PG-13, sexual content, violence, language, 97 minutes.

## Nov. 17-20, Closed

## Nov. 21

7 p.m., Duplex

Ben Stiller, Drew Barrymore

A young New York couple decides to seize the opportunity to move into the duplex of their dreams. The only obstacle? The tenant upstairs, a sweet senior citizen who won't budge. When the old woman, not as nice or as feeble as first thought, becomes unbearable, the couple begins to plot her demise.

Rated PG-13, sexual content, language, violence, 97 minutes.

9:30 p.m., Out of Time, PG-13